

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

CHAPPELL,

Plaintiff,

v.

DICKERSON,

Defendant.

CASE NO. 1:96-cv-05576-AWI DLB PC

ORDER RE PLAINTIFF'S REQUEST FOR
SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE

(Doc. 184)

ORDER REQUIRING DEFENDANT TO
NOTIFY COURT WHETHER A
SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE BEFORE
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
NANDOR VADAS WOULD BE BENEFICIAL

/ THIRTY-DAY DEADLINE

On September 25, 2008, plaintiff filed a request for a court settlement conference. (Doc. 184). This Court has been provided with the opportunity to refer cases for settlement to the Honorable Nandor Vadas, a United States Magistrate Judge with the Northern District of California. Settlement conferences are held in person at a prison in the Sacramento Division of the Eastern District of California. Plaintiff has already notified the Court of his request for a settlement conference. Accordingly, Defendant shall notify the Court whether he believes, in good faith, that settlement in this case is a possibility and whether he is interested in having a settlement conference with Judge Vadas.

The facility at which the settlement conferences are conducted is not a Level IV prison. Therefore, Defendant's counsel shall notify the Court whether there are security concerns that would prohibit scheduling a settlement conference. If security concerns exist, counsel shall notify the Court whether those concerns can be adequately addressed if Plaintiff is transferred to the prison for

1 settlement only and then returned to a Level IV prison for housing.

2 Accordingly, within **thirty (30) days** from the date of service of this order, Defendant shall
3 file a written response to this order.¹

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5 IT IS SO ORDERED.

6 **Dated: October 8, 2008**

/s/ **Dennis L. Beck**
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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¹ The issuance of this order does not guarantee referral to Judge Vadas, but the Court will make every
28 reasonable attempt to secure the referral should both parties desire a settlement conference with Judge Vadas. If the
case is referred for settlement, the case will be stayed by order pending completion of the settlement conference.